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SUBJECT: DEFENSE MINISTER APEL'S RADIO INTERVIEW ON
STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS ISSUES

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1. IN THE COURSE OF A COLOGNE RADIO INTERVIEW SEPT-
EMBER 5 ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS ISSUES, FRG
DEFENSE MINISTER APEL MADE THE FOLLOWING KEY POINTS:

(A) IT IS HIS IMPRESSION THAT AMERICA IS AWARE OF THE
UNITY OF THE WESTERN DEFENSE COMMUNITY - AND CONTINUES
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TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE - PERHAPS EVEN MORE THAN HERETO-
FORE FOR THE SECURITY OF WESTERN EUROPE.

(B) THAT THE PURPOSE OF SALT TWO WHILE ESSENTIAL TO
DETENTE CAN NO LONGER BE LIMITED TO INTERCONTINENTAL
SYSTEMS BUT MUST INCLUDE THE DEVELOPING SOVIET POTEN-
TIAL IN EUROPE DIRECTED AGAINST WESTERN EUROPE WITH

PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SOVIET MEDIUM RANGE MISSILES.

(C) THAT THE BILATERAL DISARMAMENT NEGOTIATING FORUM IS STILL THE PREFERRED ONE FOR STRATEGIC AS WELL AS "GREY AREA SYSTEMS."

(D) THAT IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DEVELOP CLOSER CONSULTATION MECHANISMS WHICH WILL MORE DIRECTLY PROTECT EUROPEAN INTERESTS IN THE SALT LIMITATION AGREEMENTS AND TO PREPARE FOR THE POSSIBILITY THAT IN THE LONG RUN, SOME POINTS OF CONTACT BETWEEN MBFR "AND SALT WILL BECOME INEVITABLE."

(E) THAT APEL IS NOT INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING THE HERTZFELD THESIS WHICH SUGGESTS STATIONING 2,000 CRUISE MISSILES ON EUROPEAN SOIL OR IN OFFSETTING A DEVELOPING POTENTIAL IN EAST EUROPE BY CREATING A POTENTIAL IN WEST EUROPE, BUT RATHER IS MORE CONCERNED WITH CURTAILING THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW SYSTEMS THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

(F) THAT IT IS INCUMBENT ON THE WEST TO DEVELOP NOW THE CORRECT NEGOTIATING CONCEPTS FOR THE NEXT ROUND AND THE YEARS TO COME.

2. A SENIOR FONOFF OFFICER RECENTLY SPOKE IN SAME CONFIDENTIAL

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VEIN TO EMBOFF, EXPRESSING HIS OWN PREFERENCE FOR A BILATERAL FRAMEWORK IN WHICH TO NEGOTIATE GREY AREA SYSTEMS.

3. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS RECEIVED AND IS REVIEWING THE "GREY AREA SYSTEMS" PAPERS PREPARED BY THE FONOFF AND FMOD. FRG POLICY POSITION ON THIS ISSUE WILL BE FINALIZED AT A YET UNSCHEDULED FEDERAL SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING TO BE HELD LATER THIS MONTH.

4. FOR INTERESTED ADDRESSEES, FULL TEXT OF APEL INTERVIEW IS AVAILABLE IN FBIS TRANSLATION, DTG 061209Z SEP 78. STOESEL

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